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In re Application of:

Albert A. REFF, M.D.

SERIAL NO.: 09/845,754

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INVENTORY CONTROL OF  
MEDICAL OBJECTS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Notice Of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed on October 18, 2001 for the above referenced patent application, Applicant encloses herein substitute drawings with corrected margins. As per the teleconference between Applicant's Attorney of Record and Ms. Joyce Riley of the Customer Service Center – Initial Patent Examination Division on November 8, 2001, Applicant hereby submits new drawings sheets including copies of FIGS. 1, 9, 11, and 12c. Applicant urges that the new drawing sheets have margins in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. If there are still issues to be resolved concerning the drawing sheets, the undersigned may be reached by telephone at (212) 801-2131. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at [heatdh@gtlaw.com](mailto:heatdh@gtlaw.com).

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to the Greenberg Traurig Deposit Account 50-1561.

Respectfully submitted,

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

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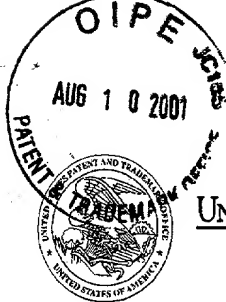
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 420.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


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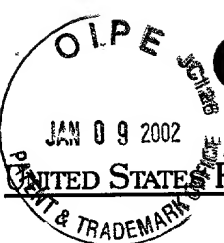
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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/10/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/08/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

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